

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please amend the drawings as follows: Fig. 13 by changing reference character 116A and Fig. 15 by adding reference character 116A. Attached herewith are “Replacement Sheets” of Figs. 13 and 15 and “Annotated Marked-Up Drawings” of Figs. 13 and 15. Formal drawings will be submitted upon approval of these changes and issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

REMARKS

In this preliminary amendment, Claims 1 to 20 have been cancelled and new Claims 21 to 40 have been added. The application now includes Claims 21 to 40 with Claims 21, 31 and 37 being the only independent claims. Favorable reconsideration, in view of the above amendments and accompanying remarks, is respectfully requested.

New method Claim 21 defines the invention as a method for producing a brake caliper adapted for use in a vehicle disc brake assembly comprising the steps of: (a) providing a mold member having at least two mold sections; (b) providing a *core member having at least a first male extension which forms an integrally cast locating recess in an outboard leg portion of the brake caliper* to be used as a locating surface for subsequent machining of the brake caliper; (c) disposing the core member in the mold member in a predetermined position; (d) supplying a suitable material to the mold member so as to form a brake caliper within the mold; and (e) removing the brake caliper from the mold, wherein the *brake caliper includes an integrally cast locating recess formed in the outboard leg portion by the first male extension of the core member*. (Emphasis added). None of the cited references, alone or in combination, discloses or suggests such a method for producing a brake caliper as recited in Claim 21. Accordingly, it is believed that Claim 21, along with dependent Claims 22 to 30, are patentable over the cited references.

New product Claim 31 includes limitations similar to those recited in method Claim 21 but is directed to the brake caliper product and recites that the cast brake caliper comprises: a cast brake caliper having an inboard leg portion and an outboard leg portion which are interconnected by an intermediate bridge portion, the brake caliper having a pair of locating surfaces provided on the inboard leg portion and a *locating recess provided on the outboard leg portion*; wherein the pair of locating surfaces provided on the inboard leg portion and the locating recess provided on the outboard leg portion are *integrally formed by a core member* of a casting apparatus during the casting of the brake caliper; and wherein the *caliper includes an opening formed in the intermediate bridge portion adjacent the locating recess provided on the*

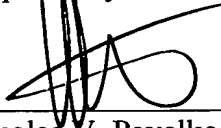
outboard leg portion to thereby enable an extension of the core member to form the locating recess on the outboard leg portion during the casting of the brake caliper.

(Emphasis added). None of the cited references, alone or in combination, discloses or suggests such a brake caliper as recited in Claim 31. Accordingly, it is believed that Claim 31, along with dependent Claims 32 to 36, are patentable over the cited references.

New product Claim 37 includes limitations similar to those recited in Claim 31 and further recites in part that the pair of locating surfaces provided on the inboard leg portion are generally *flat locating surfaces* and the locating recess provided on the outboard leg portion is a *conical recess*. (Emphasis added). None of the cited references, alone or in combination, discloses or suggests such a brake caliper as recited in Claim 37. Accordingly, it is believed that Claim 37, along with dependent Claims 38 to 40, are further patentable over the cited references.

In view of the above amendments and accompanying remarks, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner does not believe that the above remarks and amendments place the application in condition for allowance, or if the Examiner has any comments or suggestions, it is requested that the Examiner contact Applicants' attorney at (419) 255-5900 to discuss the application prior to the issuance of an action in this case by the Examiner.

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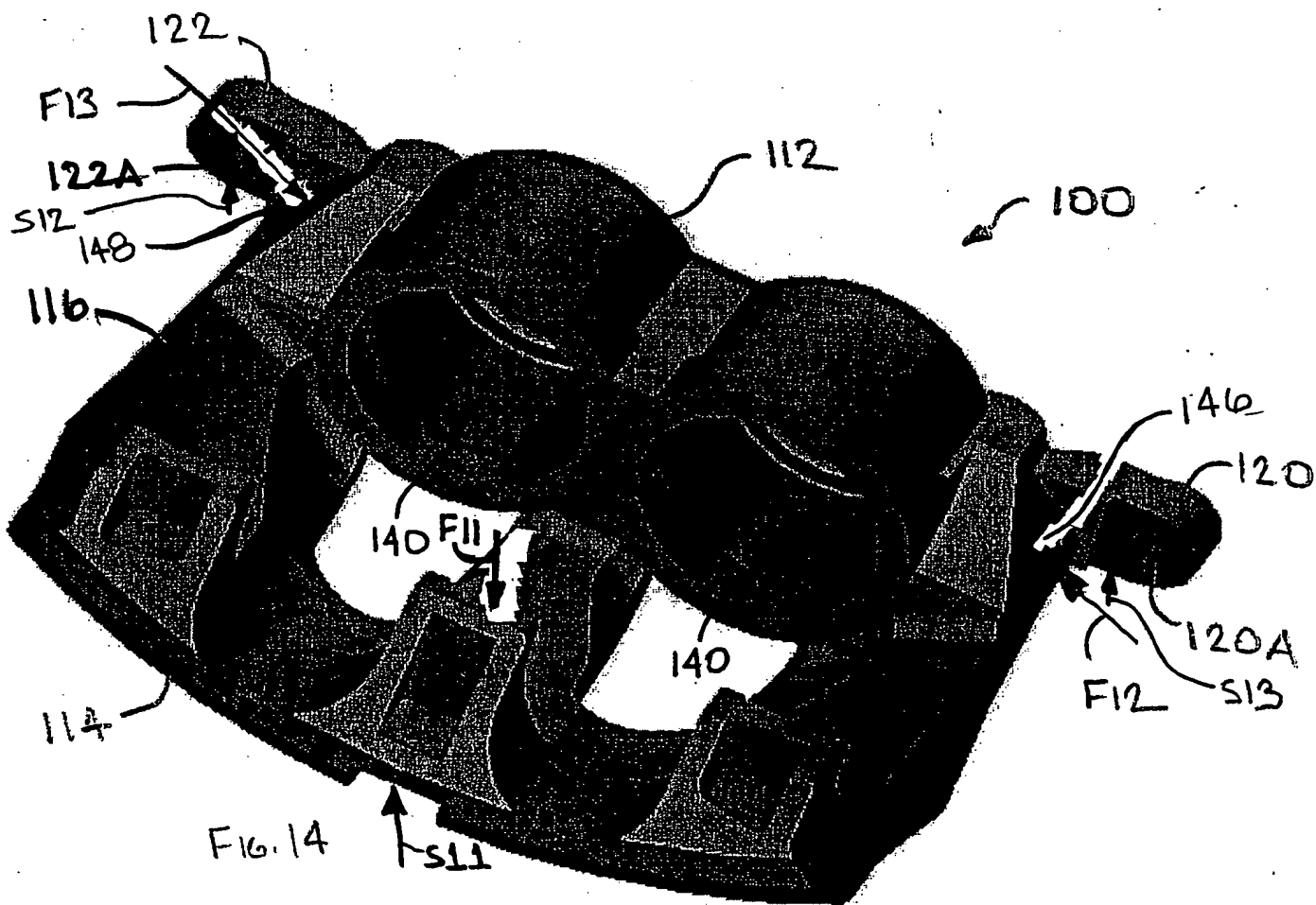
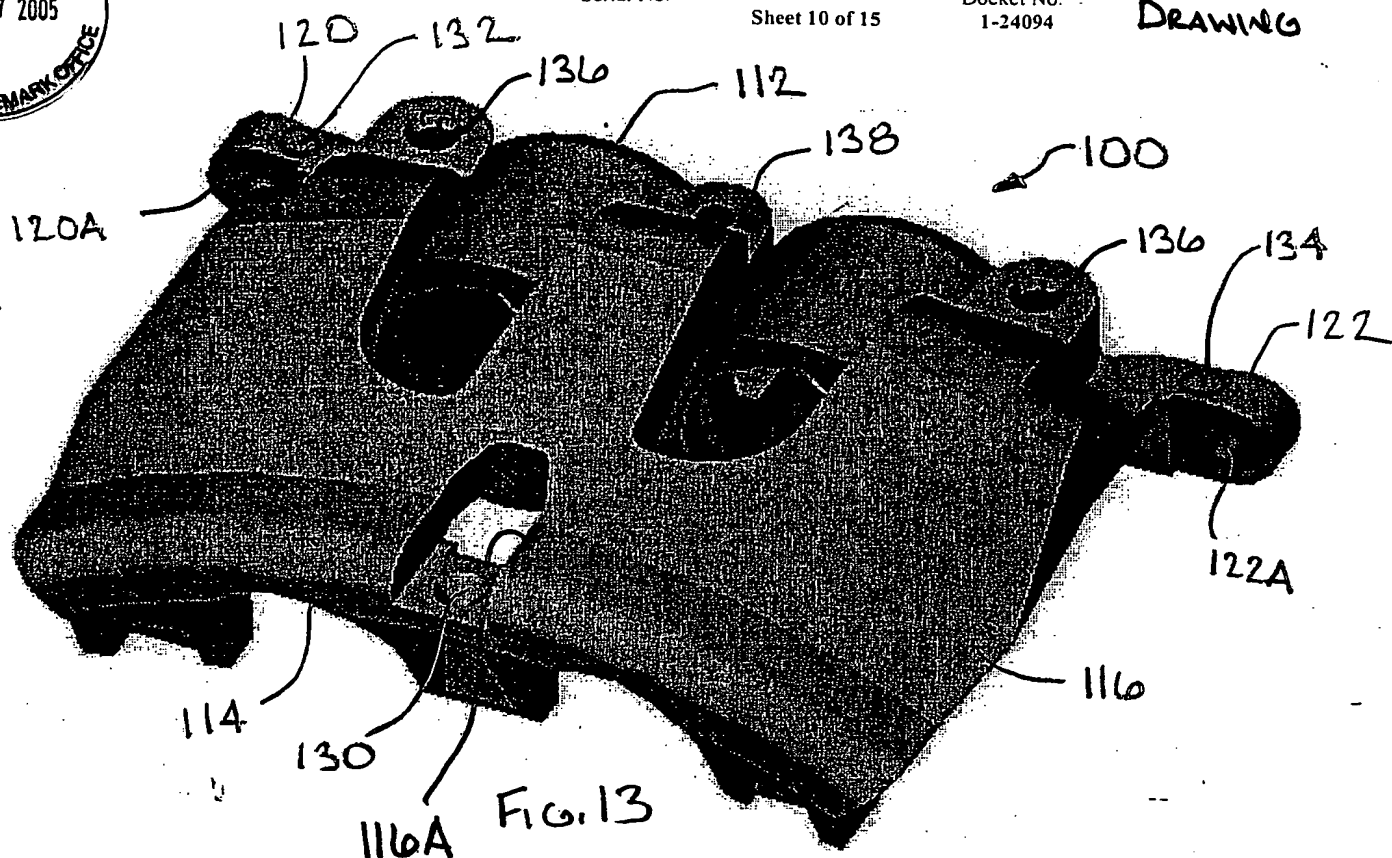
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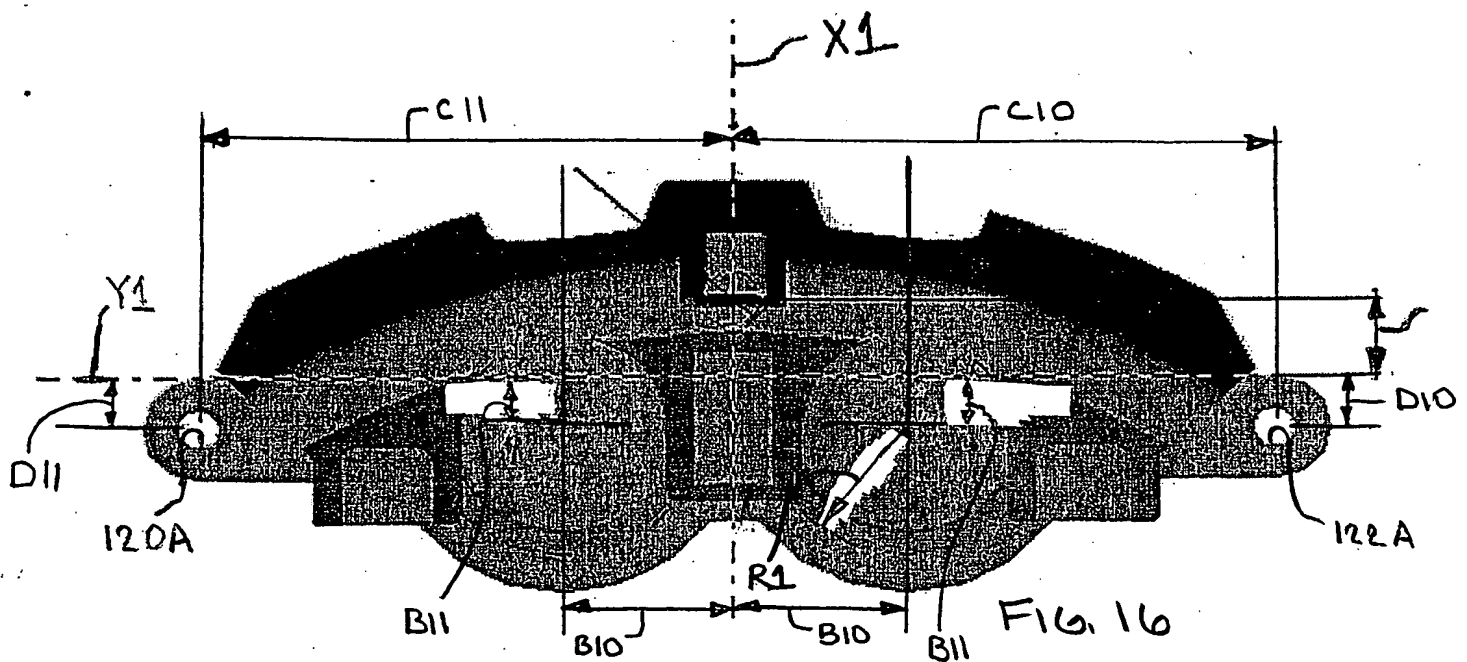
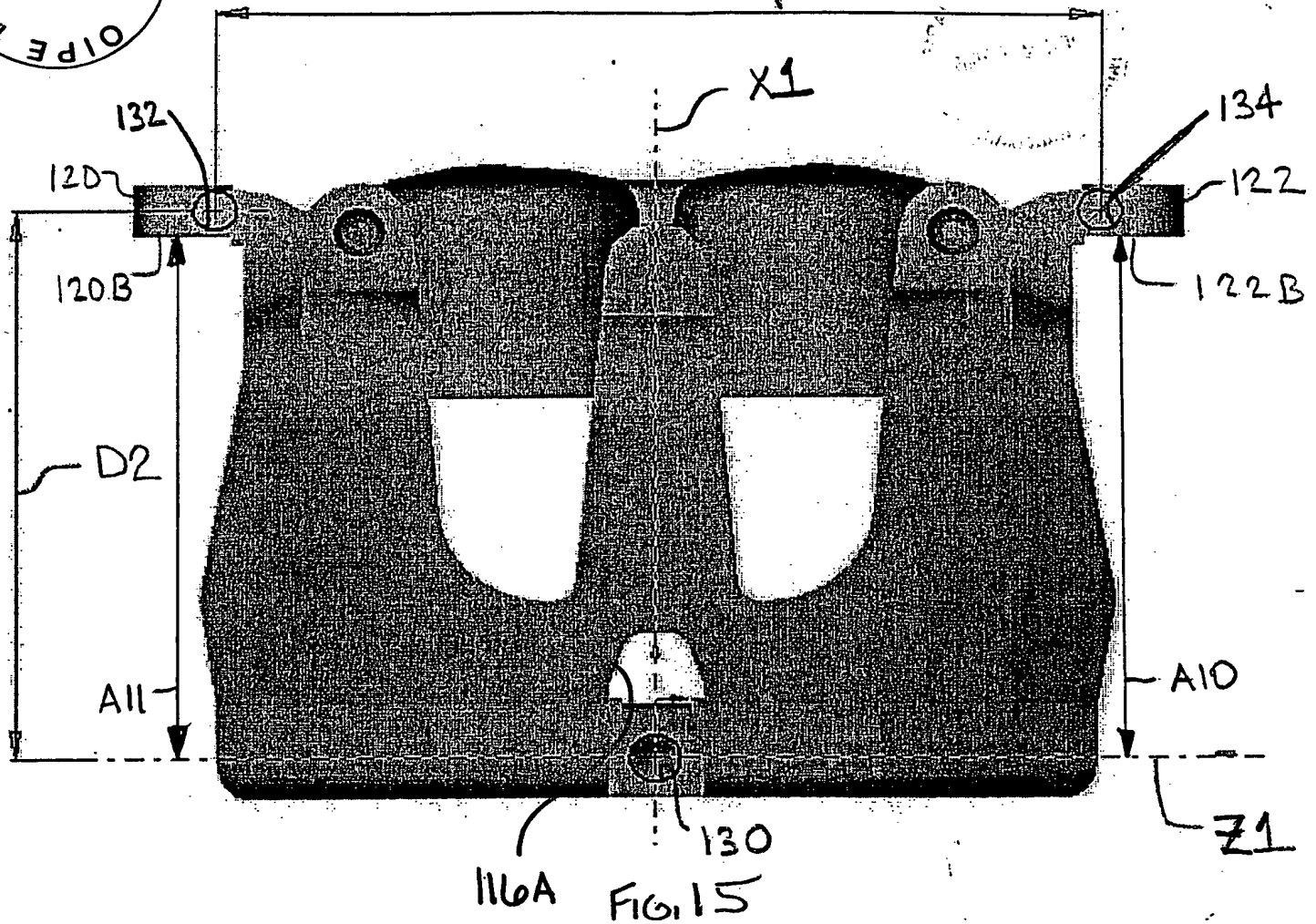
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